



HARFORD COUNTY COMMISSION ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2021, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

County Office Building, 220 South Main, Bel Air, MD

This meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Hayden Anthony at 6:30pm. This meeting was held in person.

In attendance: Hayden Anthony, Linda Anthony, Simon Ballard, Jennifer Button, Colonel John Casiano, Janice Cassady, Arthur Kaff, Dennis Miller, Bill Montgomery, Denise Perry, Deacon Vic Petrosino, Mike Ray

Guests: Colonel John Casiano representing Aberdeen Proving Ground, Veronique Hauschild representing Harford Hounds Buddy Program

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All in attendance

PRAYER – Offered by Deacon Vic Petrosino

WELCOME, OPENING COMMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Vice Chairman Hayden Anthony welcomed group to first in-person meeting in 18 months, and began the evening with the Commission's mission and vision statements.

MISSION: *To advocate for our veterans and their families and connect them to resources through outreach and education.*

VISION: *A Harford County community that is responsive to the needs of Veterans and their families.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS

- Ryan Koch noted that there was no new information to report from Councilman Johnson
- Linda Anthony was in attendance to take meeting minutes
- COL John Casiano, APG Garrison Commander was introduced and a brief bio shared. COL Casiano said it was a pleasure to be there and to be a part of the team. He looks forward to working together.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of the September 2, 2021 meeting minutes by motion from Jennifer Button that was seconded by Denise Perry.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **MOAA Community Project** - Poster and Essay contest is live but no submissions yet. Any child K-12 can participate: posters for elementary and middle school, essay for high school. Deadline is 10/15/21. Flyers distributed to HCPS, private schools, HCPL, Harford County, Veteran's Commission Facebook page, WJZ. Also, Hayden Anthony took flyers to the H.C. Chamber's Military Appreciation night at Hopkins Brewery.
- **Businesses offering discounts for veterans' booklet project** - Cindy Mumby did survey to see which businesses offer discounts to military and is revising final hard copy booklet for the Veteran's Fair.
- **REBOOT Program Responses** – Faith based trauma healing course held over 3 months/2 hours a week. It is a Nationwide program and the one in Harford County was held at Oak Grove Baptist Church. The program was held for about 2 years, until one of the leaders passed away and the other moved to North Carolina, and is in need of someone to breathe life into it again.
- **Veterans Resource Fair November 13th update** - Our big event for the year. This year's theme is Mental Health "From Awareness to Action"
 - We will meet at 7:30am the day of to set up
 - We will break down at 1pm
 - Due to COVID, we will have grab and go food and information packets to distribute rather than a sit-down meal
 - Cindy Mumby will assemble information packets; Lisa Brown will handle food bags
 - Lion's Club will provide water and chips
 - APGFCU will be the event sponsor again and will be giving out a grand prize of a big screen TV (worth \$750) and three gift card prizes (\$250 each).
 - Inside the Armory we will have half as many vendors as we have had in the past in order to maintain social distancing. There will be some chairs, but no tables for eating and masks will be required
 - The VA will be there to assist with claims and benefits
 - Bob Brown will send out an email once everything is finalized and we will discuss the final details at the next Commission meeting (11/4)
- **Veterans Virtual Wall** – The virtual photo gallery to honor veterans will occur again on the Commission's webpage. Commission members were asked to submit a photo of themselves, family member or friend to be uploaded and this invitation was also extended to COL Casiano. Suggested that we reach out to family of Dax Conrad. Last year we had around a hundred submission and some going as far back as the Civil War. Cindy Mumby's office will issue a press release on the Virtual Wall shortly.
- **Resource Guide 2021-22** – no update

NEW BUSINESS

- **Legislative Issues** – Currently there is an initiative to increase the retirement pay tax break in the State of Maryland. Progress is being made little by little.

- **Legal Updates – Veteran’s Consortium (501C)** – Art mentioned the pro bono for veterans unjustly denied benefits. There was a Virtual Town Hall sponsored by Serving Together. Katey Kilby from Serving Together was a Commission guest several months ago. Simon attended the Town Hall and noted that Harford County Community Services currently does not have a network there so they cannot follow the progress made on resolving a veteran’s issue or concern. Currently, Serving Together is networked in southern Maryland but not here. Simon can see if he can make some progress on getting a network established here.
- **Programs and Outreach** - Cindy Smith held her workshop on Survivor Benefits Oct 3. She had 18 people in attendance, and it was well received. She is planning to hold 1 workshop a quarter and as she does, we will be sure to help spread the word. Thanks to Art for getting the word out on the Commission Facebook page.
- **Assistance requests received during the past month** - This month we assisted 3 veterans.
 - Deacon Vic visited an Air Force veteran in the hospital who did not have a family member close by. The visit went well with the veteran feeling supported and the family appreciative. Bob is assisting him with getting help through the VA.
 - Another Veteran needed assistance getting their military/medical records and we were able to get Serving Together to help.
 - A person had a wheelchair that they wanted to donate to a Veteran, and we were able to coordinate with the American Legion to take the wheelchair.
- **Public Events and Recognition** – Hayden discussed the following public events:
 - **Oct 1:** APG held a Gold Star Mothers and Family Day Ceremony at the Living Legacy Pavilion (handout). It is a serene place where people can go to reflect and honor those that gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Please visit if you get the opportunity. (LTC Jean Kearby Father of Commission member Scott Kearby has a memorial stone at the plaza).
 - **Oct 5:** H.C. Chamber of Commerce “Spirit of Thanks events (Bill & Hayden attended). It was a very nice event and Hayden recommended it to members next year. Hayden had an opportunity to meet COL Casiano there and to speak with MG Edmonson about the Veterans Commission.
 - **Oct 6:** DMV Veterans Legal Cohort Virtual Information Session was held. (Art Kaff).
 - **Oct 12:** Veterans Collaboration Kickoff Meeting 1pm – 2:30pm
 - Simon planning to attend (virtual) and can give an update at next month’s meeting. Guest speaker is a retired Navy Seal. Registration is required. Art put it on the Facebook page.
 - This will be a kickoff meeting to explain Serving Together/EveryMind’s mission of brining organizations and veterans together
 - Next quarterly meeting will be 1/12/2022 (second Tuesday)
 - **Oct APG MWR Events:** several workshops of note, Bowling, Top of the Bay events, etc.

- **Oct 22:** Mission BBQ in Bel Air is having a Military Appreciation Night benefiting the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation.
- **Nov 10:** Wreaths Across America mobile education unit will be at the Harford Mall next to Macy's from 10am-6pm. There will be brief ceremony, and attendees can make donations and sign memorial cards. This event is sponsored by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and it is exceptional to be able to get the educational trailer to stop in Bel Air. Please stop by if you can.
- **Dec 18th:** National Wreaths Across America Day 12:00pm

MEMBER UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Deacon Vic: talked about work at the hospital involves ordained clergy, spiritual companions and those who see only veterans. Six seminarians are doing internships this year and they will begin meeting people also.
- Denise Perry: noted that the National Association of Black Veterans memorial to Medal of Honor recipients to include Alfred B. Hilton
- Mike Ray: WMAR does a Veterans Spotlight segment. Lauren Cook wants pictures and write ups. Mike will send out the information about nominating someone to be featured.
- Simon Ballard: Community Services is collecting winter socks and hats in October for people who are homeless and also veterans. Toiletries will be collected in November, and in December, all items collected will be distributed. Perry Point may be a receiving location. Post 39 wants to help veterans also with donations of money and hand warmers.
- Jennifer Button: Sheriff's Office is doing a Veterans Appreciation Day 11/12 at American Legion Post 17 (Edgewood) from 12-6pm with first responders. She will share the flyer with Art.
- Bill Montgomery: The VA opened the Burn Pit Registry. Those affected must register. Suggested we put this on the Commission Facebook page.
- Art Kaff: Art posted the following on the Commission Facebook page:
 - Alfred B. Hilton Breakfast – Nov. 6 at Ames United Methodist Church in Bel Air
 - Notice that the VA has expanded tributes to veterans at other cemeteries
- Guest Veronique Hauschild from The Buddy Program submitted a flyer to Bob regarding the non-profit Buddy Program for seniors and veterans to adopt small pets who are hard to adopt out. If necessary the organization will accept pets back. There is a matching interview process. These animals need homes and adopting seniors and veterans need companions. The organization is called Harford Hounds, Inc. There is no website but she can be contacted at harfordhounds@gmail.com.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next meeting scheduled is November 4, 2021 and will be held in person at the same location.
- Meetings are public and scheduled for the first Thursday of the month unless otherwise announced.
- Meeting adjourned 8pm

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Emily Zambauer, right, wife of fallen soldier First Lt. Das Conrad, tries to control her emotions as she holds a white lantern engraved with Das Conrad's name during the Aberdeen Proving Ground 2021 Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day ceremony at the Living Legacy Pavilion on Friday. The lantern represents a symbol of the love, wisdom and illumination, and serves as a reminder that even in the darkest of grief one can always find the way using the light of their inner strength. MATT BUTT/THAEGIS PHOTOS

'What they have given ... is immeasurable'

Aberdeen Proving Ground honors gold star families, fallen Bel Air native

By James Whitlow

Aberdeen Proving Ground leadership, local leaders and others gathered Friday at the base's memorial plaza to honor gold star families, whose loved ones died in military service, and commemorate a Bel Air native with a memorial stone placed in his honor.

Speaking from a lectern Friday, senior commander at APG Major Gen. Robert Edmonson II thanked gold star families, and said APG would always stand by them. While their sacrifices were great, he said he hoped that provided the families some comfort.

"What they have given to this great nation is immeasurable," he said. "We are eternally grateful for their service and for your sacrifice. Thank you for sharing your loved ones with us."

APG maintains a memorial plaza on base, ringed in stones bearing the names of fallen service members. In the plaza's center stands a statue of a battlefield cross — two boats with a rifle between them — as a reminder of war's cost to families.

Edmonson said commemorations like Fridays offer an opportunity to get to know gold star families and hear the stories of the fallen. In those stories, he said, can be found greater truths about the nature of service and sacrifice.

"To allow us to see our own service through your lens, the lens of a gold star family, is a true gift," he said.

The concept of the gold star family is



Members of the U.S. Army Drill Team from the 4th Battalion, 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment traditionally known as the "Old Guard" make their entrance as they prepare to put on a performance.



Major Gen. Robert Edmonson II offers his remarks at the event which honored gold star families.



Sgt. 1st Class Lashale Jolly places the stone engraved with First Lt. Das Conrad's name in its place within the Gold Star Memorial.

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Hospital workers are now largely vaccinated, even if many of the COVID patients are not

By Meredith Cohn and Halle Miller

The University of Maryland Medical System, the state's largest hospital network which includes Upper Chesapeake Health in Bel Air, announced Friday that 98% of its doctors and other clinical workers had added by system and area trainees to get vaccinated against COVID-19 or receive an exemption.

Officials considered that "significant progress," along with the vaccination of 96% of the staff of roughly 20,000 in the extended system, including physician offices and urgent care centers.

Other hospital systems said they, too, have made big gains in vaccine coverage among workers, including Johns Hopkins Medicine and LifeBridge Health.

All Maryland hospitals agreed in principle in June to require the vaccination of workers, though on different timelines. Then Gov.

Larry Hogan ordered that hospital workers get at least one shot by Sept. 1 or be tested regularly.

Some systems, such as the University of Maryland's, set an Oct. 1 deadline when they would drop the option of testing. Employees who did not get a shot or an exemption on medical or religious grounds are now on unpaid leave and have 30 days to comply or

Turn to Vaccinated, Page 4

Former priest pleads guilty

When Cristancho left St. Ignatius, the office stated, he would hold religious ceremonies at a parishioner's house where the boy would act as a lector — a role he performed while at St. Ignatius with Cristancho. In the summer of 2002, Cristancho became more involved with the family, inviting himself to the family's camping trip, arranging for the boy to help him around the house and with his infant children and, eventually, spending the weekends with him.

It was during those weekend stays, the office stated, that Cristancho sexually abused the boy. The abuse continued from 2002 through fall 2003, according to prosecutors.

The Archdiocese of Baltimore revoked Cristancho's faculties to work as a priest in 2003. "In July 2003, Cristancho refused an assignment to another parish from Cardinal William H. Keeler, then Archbishop of Baltimore, which led to the revocation of his faculties to minister in the Archdiocese of Baltimore on July 8, 2003," according to a 2017 statement posted on the Archdiocese's website. "Cristancho has had no assignment and has not been permitted to function as priest in the Archdiocese of Baltimore since July 2003." Cristancho's behavior was discovered by authorities after he went to a pharmacy to use its printing equipment in September of 2017, the office stated. An employee of the pharmacy saw what appeared to be photos of naked children on Cristancho's phone while assisting him and made a report to the police.

Police started an investigation, which led to a search warrant served on Cristancho's home on September 19, 2017. Investigators seized electronic devices from the house and found nude photos of four other minors on his phone.

Turn to Guilty, Page 3

Local man convicted in 2019 shooting

The Edgewood resident shot a 15-year-old in the gang-related incident

By James Whitlow

An Edgewood man was found guilty of a gang-related murder in 2019, the Harford County State's Attorney's Office announced Monday. Rashaun Meyers, 20, was found guilty of murder, assault, firearms and gang participation charges at the conclusion of a two-week jury trial in Harford County Circuit Court on Oct. 1.

According to a summons from the state's attorney's office, Harford County Sheriff's deputies responded to the 1900 block of Eloise Lane in Edgewood on July 4, 2019, for a reported shooting. There, they found Khalil Johnson, 15, who had been shot in the back. He was taken to University of Maryland, Shock Trauma in Baltimore, but died of his injuries.

According to prosecutors, Meyers was a member of the 400 Bloods gang, which was feuding with a local subset of the Crips. Witnesses said that Meyers was on Brookside Drive and fired a gun in the direction of Eloise Lane and Johnson. Video footage captured by cameras at the scene showed several people standing on Brookside Drive with at least one of them firing a handgun in the direction of Eloise Lane.

A group of people had gathered on the street from mid-afternoon of July 3 through the early hours of July 4, including children and others from the neighborhood who

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Command Sgt. Maj. Kristie Brady, left, salutes as the Honor Guard presents the colors.

Honors

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rowed in World War I, where families would fly a flag emblazoned with blue stars equal to the number of family members serving in the armed forces.

The families who flew them would stitch a gold star over the blue when service members in their family died, letting others know the costs of the war and the sacrifices made.

While APG leaders paid homage to all gold star families at the afternoon ceremony, they gave special honor to a local man who died in his military service and his wife.

LT. Dax Conrad died on Oct. 16, 2020, as a result of medical complications that arose during training.

He was 25-year-old and from Del Air, graduating from C. Milton Wright High School in 2013 and attending Ohio University, where he joined the ROTC and studied electrical engineering.

Remembered as a funny, smart and devoted, Conrad was husband to Emily Zembas, who was presented the stone bearing his name at the ceremony. Now, it will stay in the place, lining the memorial wall, along with many others bearing more names, as a remembrance of his service to the country.

Zembas was also given a lantern inscribed with Conrad's name in commemoration of his sacrifice. It is a time-honored tradition to light candles in honor of those who have died, and the lantern serves as a reminder of the love and illumination she shared with her husband.



The memorial stone engraved with the name of First Lt. Dax Conrad of Bel Air sits among the other stones bearing the names of fallen soldiers.



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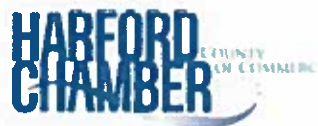
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- ★ For more information or registration assistance, please contact Angela at (410)-838-2020 or angela@harfordchamber.org.

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We had her as a guest speaker a couple months back.

HARFORD COUNTY VETERANS COLLABORATIVE

The Harford County Veterans Collaborative will be an informal, regularly occurring meeting between service providers and community organizations.

Join us virtually to share knowledge, celebrate wins, identify gaps, learn together, and build relationships.

KICK OFF MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2021
1:00 - 2:30PM

**Featuring Retired U.S. Navy Lieutenant
Jason Redman**



Retired U.S. Navy Lieutenant Jason Redman is a sought-after speaker, personal- and corporate-leadership coach and trainer, and the author of New York Times bestseller "The Trident: The Forging and Reforging of a Navy SEAL Leader" and has been featured in multiple documentaries, including History Channel's "Navy SEALs, America's Secret Warriors."

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Jason Redman

Retired Lieutenant Jason Redman spent 11 years as an enlisted Navy SEAL and ten years as a SEAL Officer leading SEAL teams in combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. On September 13, 2007, outside of Fallujah, Iraq, Lieutenant Redman's Assault Team came under heavy machine gun and small arms fire and he was severely wounded in the ensuing firefight. While recovering at Bethesda Naval Medical Center, Redman authored and hung a bright orange sign on his door, which became known as the Sign on the Door and became a statement and symbol for wounded warriors everywhere.



After 21 years, Redman retired from the Navy in 2013 and founded SOF Spoken, a speaking and consulting company which provides inspirational presentations on leadership, teamwork and overcoming adversity for businesses, first responders, sports teams, and government organizations.

Today, Jason has expanded his programs with his focus on helping individuals, companies and teams to "GET OFF THE X"™ from "Life Ambushes". He provides, speaking, workshops, online programs, executive coaching and business consulting to businesses around the world and group coaching through his "Get off the X" Training and Pointman for Life™ individual and group coaching programs.

Jason is the New York Times bestselling author of *The Trident*, *The Forging and Reforging of a Navy SEAL Leader*, *Overcome* an Amazon bestseller and his newest book – *Pointman Planner*. He has appeared on multiple national news networks including Fox News, CBS, CNN, and CBN. Jason has been featured in multiple documentaries including History Channel's, *Navy SEALs*, *America's Secret Warriors*.

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Upcoming APG Events

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Oct 12 12pm to 1pm – Virtual Workshop: Protective Order Process.

Class teaches what protective orders entail, how to obtain a protective order, when is a protective order is necessary and your next steps after a protective order is obtained from the Courts.

Training is free and all you need to do is call the Victim Advocate at 410.278.1305 to register.

Oct 13 12pm to 1pm – Virtual Workshop: Banking and Checking.

This seminar explains how to choose financial services and institutions to meet your needs. Training is free and is provided by the Financial Readiness Program Manager 410.278.2453

Oct 14 11am-12pm – Virtual Workshop: Continuation Pay

Service Members under the Blended Retirement System (BRS) are eligible for a one-time mid-career bonus payment called Continuation Pay. During this seminar you will have the opportunity to understand what Continuation Pay is, how to apply for it and how best to use it.

Training is free and is provided by the Financial Readiness Program Manager 410.278.2453

Oct 17 10am-12pm – Top of the Bay Brunch

Cost \$15 Adults/\$10 Children (6-10)/Children 5 and under free.

Menu: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Fresh Fruit, Roasted Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Carved Ham. Cash Bar will be open with Mimosas and Bloody Marys.

Last day to register Tuesday Oct 12 by 2pm.

Reservations: 410.278.5915/410.278.2552

Oct 18 and 25 5:30pm-8pm – Strike Out Against Domestic Violence Family Fun Bowl

Location: APG bowling Center, Bldg 2342 **Cost:** Free

Free bowling for families along with resources to promote healthy family relationships.

Oct 19 12pm-1pm Virtual Workshops: Healthy Relationships

Learn how to take relationships to the next level by changing the way you think and communicate.

Reservations: Call the Victims Advocate at 410.278.1305

Oct 20 11am-12pm – Virtual Workshops: How to Smart Start Your Business

This class provides a brief overview of ways to smart start your small business and learn tips and tools to become a successful entrepreneur.

Registration: Not required and the class is provided by the Employment Readiness Program Manager 410.278.2435

Oct 21 9am-11am – Virtual Workshop: 10 steps to a Federal Job.

Are you looking for the perfect Federal job? Come join us and learn the 10 steps to Federal employment.

Register: <https://mwejobs.maryland.gov>

Partnership: Susquehanna Workforce Network, APG ACS Employment Readiness Program

For more info call Employment Readiness Program at 410.278.2435

Oct 26 12pm-1pm Virtual Workshop: Stress Management

This class will address managing stressful situations which could improve your overall physical and mental health through awareness, self-care and putting a plan into action.

Registration: Please call the Victims Advocate at 410.278.1305 to register for this training.

Oct 29 6pm-9pm Ruggles Golf Course Halloween on the Green

Kick off your Halloween weekend with a 1-mile walk (blacktop path and grass) in the dark through Ruggles Golf Course. You will encounter enchanting and spooktacular displays along the way. You will also have an opportunity to take a photo with APG's own Haunted Mansion. Bring a flashlight to help guide your way.

Costumes are encouraged. Candy will be available for the children at the end of the walk.

Movie on the driving range beginning at 7 p.m. - bring your own blankets and chairs. No outside food please, food will be available for purchase.

This event is appropriate for Halloween enthusiasts of all ages. Strollers and wagons OK. Please NO pets.

For more information call: 410-306-4522

Susquehanna Chapter
Military Officers Association of America
Presents

Veterans Day Poster and Essay Contest

Poster Contest

- Theme: **What is a Veteran?**
- Age Groups: Grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8
- Cash prizes, courtesy Boyle Buick, and Challenge Coins for top 3 winners in each age group
- Deadline: October 15, 2021. No entry fee
- Winners recognized and posters displayed during the *Veterans Resource Fair* on November 13, 2021
- For details, go to www.moaasusquehanna.org/contest

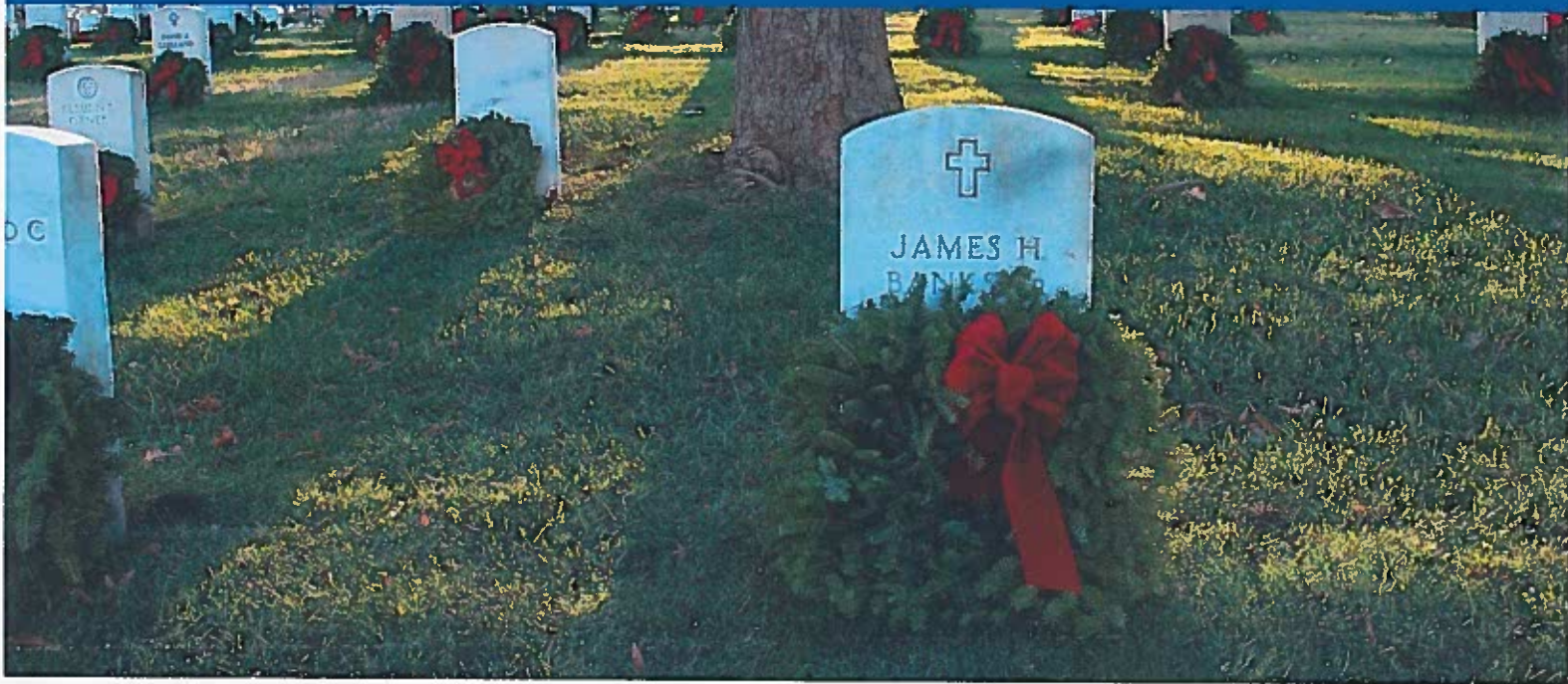
Essay Contest

- Theme: **What does Veterans Day mean to me?**
- Age Group: Grades 9-12
- Cash prizes, courtesy Boyle Buick, and Challenge Coins for top 3 winners
- Deadline: October 15, 2021. No entry fee
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VIRTUAL PHOTO GALLERY OF HONOR

Veterans Profile Form - November 2021

In addition to the Veterans Resource Fair, Harford County will show our gratitude to those who served with a virtual photo gallery of local veterans, living and deceased. The gallery will be posted on social media and the County website throughout the month of November.

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The **Buddy Program** helps find happiness for **both** hard-to-adopt pets and people who want share love with a pet but may need help. Geared toward seniors and veterans in or near Harford County MD, the Buddy Program matches available pets (cats, dogs or other) to approved persons who can provide loving home conditions and pet guardianship through hospice, foster, or adoption. The Buddy Program can help by providing transport to veterinary appointments, pet food, and other supplies.

Additional financial support for the pet's care may be available through pet sponsorships and donations received by Harford Hounds, Inc.

Interested in providing a home to a Buddy?

Or helping through pet sponsorship, donations, or volunteering?

Send an email subject the "Buddy Program" to harfordhounds@gmail.com

Or call 410-937-8889

*The Buddy Program is a new initiative of Harford Hounds, Inc (HH). HH is a small all-volunteer state of Maryland and federally-approved 501(c)(3) non-profit that was established in 2019 to assist local Harford County residents and pets. HH's initial effort has been a Low-Cost Dog Spay/Neuter program that provides this critical preventive service through supporting clinics in Baltimore on a limited basis with optional services such as pet transport. Priorities and additional discounts are offered to certain persons with financial constraints, disabilities, or military/veteran status. Given its limited capacities, HH is not currently marketing through social media platforms. However, HH appreciates donations to help provide these services and place pets dire in need of loving homes. HH is also seeking new volunteers. Contact us through our email.